

March 25, 1997

Reply to
Attn of: ECL-113

Bill Wedlake
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Re: Construction Documentation Report, Colbert Landfill

Dear Mr. Wedlake,

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the document, "Construction Documentation Report, Phase II Remedial Action," for the Colbert Landfill Superfund site. This report does a complete job of summarizing the work and costs to implement the EPA Record of Decision (ROD) for the construction of the ground water extraction and treatment system.

This site contains only one Operable Unit as described in the ROD. While this report provides the construction completion information for the ground water extraction and treatment system it does not contain the construction completion information for closing the landfill which is also a part of the ROD. We assume that a separate report will be prepared for the landfill closure actions which have been taken. After EPA receives the construction completion report for the landfill closure, we will be able to accept the construction work as complete.

We have identified several editorial errors which you may wish to correct for clarity:

1. Section 1.1, first sentence. "...solid waste 'the' landfill..." The word "the" is confusing.
2. Section 1.2, second sentence. The contaminant TCA is written as: 1,1,1-trichloroethane. It needs a third "1."
3. Section 2.2. This section also should state that the closure of the landfill is part of the ROD Remedial Actions even though it is outside the scope of this document.

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4. Section 2.3. A Special Notice Letter (SNL) was sent to four potentially responsible parties (PRPs). An SNL was also sent to Alumax, Inc. but they chose to not participate with the settling PRPs. EPA negotiated with Alumax separately.

A final inspection of the project is scheduled for April 3, 1997, which includes the landfill closure. I am looking forward to seeing you then. If you have any questions about the EPA comments, please contact me at: thompson.neil@epamail.epa.gov, or by phone at, 206-553-7177.

Sincerely,

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